



**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
TDEC Environmental Scientist 2* - Nashville Environmental Field Office
Division of Solid Waste Management
Annual Salary Range: \$42,396 - \$67,860**

About the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

The Department exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment by:

- Protecting and promoting human health and safety.
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water.
- Conserving and promoting natural, cultural and historic resources.
- Providing a variety of quality outdoor recreational experiences.

TDEC has approximately 2,900 employees working across Tennessee supported by a total budget of more than \$300 million with funding from fees for services, state parks revenue, federal sources, and the state general fund. TDEC is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA to regulate sources of air pollution, radiological health issues, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water pollution, water supply, and groundwater pollution. TDEC has a central office in Nashville and eight (8) regional offices across the state serving as the primary point of contact for their respective regions.

About the Division of Solid Waste Management

The Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) is responsible for protecting the health and environmental quality for all Tennesseans through responsive and effective oversight of waste management activities. Division activities are land-based, regulating both solid waste and hazardous waste through specialized programs and functions. These include landfill permits, hazardous waste permits, state remediation program, used oil management, lead-based paint abatement, special waste, universal waste, and annual waste reporting.

Summary of Position

This Preferred Service position is located in the Division's Nashville Environmental Field Office (NEFO) in Nashville, TN. The selected candidate will work within the DSWM, in the Solid Waste Program conducting facility inspections, including landfills, transfer stations, recycling/processing/storage facilities and convenience centers throughout the NEFO region.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

This position is responsible for conducting various regulatory inspections of landfills, transfer stations, recycling/processing/storage facilities and convenience centers in the NEFO Region. Writing inspection reports to record the results of the inspections. The position performs sampling at landfills and other solid waste facilities. This position responds to and investigates complaints submitted by citizens and provides technical assistance to facilities and the general public. The position is also responsible for processing Special Waste Evaluations and performing required data entries/distribution for all work activities.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated ability to function independently with general instruction with minimal guidance in a highly demanding work environment and possess the following attributes:

- Has a general understanding of groundwater flow and properties in various types of geography.
- Able to communicate clearly and succinctly in a variety of settings and styles, with the ability of relaying information appropriately depending on the target audience.
- Have strong computer skills with the ability to navigate and use Microsoft Suite programs including MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Have some technical knowledge and skills to complete assignments with a high level of accomplishment.
- Is task oriented; able to break down work into the process steps; develops schedules and anticipates/adjusts for problems and roadblocks.
- Is dedicated to meet the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers. Establishes and maintains effective relationships with customers and gains their trust and respect.
- Demonstrates high integrity and good judgment.

Education and Experience: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in environmental science, physical sciences (e.g. physics, chemistry, geology, meteorology), ecology, sustainability or applied science in sustainability, life sciences (e.g. biology, microbiology, health physics or biophysics), environmental health, pre-medicine, engineering or other acceptable science or natural resource related field.

All interested candidates should submit applications via the Tennessee Department of Human Resources website at <http://www.tn.gov/hr> and search under For Job Seekers, Employment Opportunities, Preferred Services Job Opportunities, Current Openings for the position with the title: **TDEC ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST 2*-062817-161076** The position will remain posted until July 18, 2017. TDEC is an AA/EEO/ADA employer.